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Anniversary of California 4.

The celebration of the seventh anniversary of California Engine Company No. 4, took place on Monday, September 7th. In the morning, the company to the number of thirty-one men, under the marshals of W. S. O'Brien, joined with the procession in honor of the centennial birthday of Lafayette, and after marching through the principal streets of the city, deposited their apparatus in the house, preparatory to repairing to Russ' Garden, where a dinner had been provided for themselves and guests.

At half past four o'clock, everything being in readiness and preceded by the California Band, the "fours" and their invited guests to the number of one hundred and twenty, marched through Market, Second, and Folsom streets, to the Garden. Arriving at the Garden, the company separated for a few minutes, amusing themselves in a variety of ways, until dinner was announced. Two long tables were laid in the hall adjoining the pavilion.—At the head of the first, Mr. P. W. Van Winkle, President of No. 4, presided, and at the foot Mr. W. H. Nixon, the First Assistant Foreman of the Company. At the head of the second table, Mr. W. S. O'Brien, the Foreman of No. 4, presided, and at the foot, Mr. J. G. Schulz, the Second Assistant Foreman. On the right of the President sat Col. Mahony, President of the Fire Department; W. Oscar Smith, First Assistant Engineer, and others; to the left, Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary of the Fire Department, David T. Van Orden, Second Assistant Engineer, C. S. Simpson, Third Assistant Engineer, Charles R. Bond, ex-Foreman of No. 4, and others.

The dinner was the best prepared that we have participated at in a long time, was gotten up with great care, and everything was in profusion, and the silence which pervaded that assemblage, and the earnestness with which one certain purpose was pursued, gave the very best evidence that the repast was palatable.

After the lapse of about an hour, President Van Winkle rose and calling those present to order, proposed the following regular toasts, which were drunk with a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit, and which gave unqualified satisfaction to all who heard them:

1. The day we celebrate. *Marseillaise.*

2. The Military of San Francisco. *Star Spangled Banner.*

3. The Grand Marshal—may he always be found safely in a secure haven. *Uncle Ned.*

4. The orator of the day. *Hail Columbia.*

5. The Board of Supervisors—may they never make a greater blunder than in regard to blunderbusses. *Bold Soldier Boy.*

6. The Fire Department of San Francisco—may they never know discord or derangement. *We are a Band of Brothers.*

7. The Ladies—the firemen's friend, and the secret of our State's prosperity. *Oh! 'tis love.*

Mr. Bond responded to the fifth toast in a few brief remarks, eloquent and to the point, detailing many of the difficulties under which the present Board of Supervisors had labored, in their efforts to place the credit of the city upon a proper basis. Mr. Bond wished it distinctly understood however, that he was not the Bond, who was a member of the Board of Supervisors—(great cheering.)

It was reported that Chief Engineer Whitney would be present, and while taking part in the festivities, would respond to the sixth toast; but the Chief being prevented from attending in person, transmitted the following letter to the assemblage, which was read by President Van Winkle:

To the officers and members of California Engine Company No. 4:

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of your polite invitation to participate with you in celebrating this, your anniversary.

The fact of this being a gala day for the purpose of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the birth of Lafayette, and a large number of the members of the Fire Department having determined to join in the procession to which I have been assigned a place in my official capacity, will preclude the possibility of my enjoying the great pleasure of being with you.

Absent though I am in person, in spirit consider me present, with an earnest desire that you may enjoy your day, and that the members of the Fire Department having determined to join in the procession to which I have been assigned a place in my official capacity, will preclude the possibility of my enjoying the great pleasure of being with you.

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